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For: COUPLING AGENTS FOR ORTHOPEDIC BIOMATERIALS

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2006, in connection with the above-referenced Application. The deadline for responding to the Office Action was November 14, 2006. A three (3) month extension of time from November 14, 2006, up to and including February 14, 2007, is hereby respectfully requested, and a Credit Card Authorization Form for the extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is enclosed. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely filed on Monday, February 12, 2007. Responsive to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Response.